

Federal Financial Management Conference

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**BUILDING A
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for Better Federal Financial Management

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

The Renaissance Washington DC Hotel
999 Ninth Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Featured Speakers

Linda M. Springer, Director, Office of Personnel Management

David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office

Paul Brinkley, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Business Transformation, Department of Defense

Awards

The JFMIP Principals will present the Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Awards for Distinguished Leadership in Financial Management Improvement during the luncheon session.

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The Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) Principals are:

- Jim Nussle, Director, Office of Management and Budget
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The Financial Systems Integration Office (FSIO) within the General Services Administration supports the government-wide financial management activities of the U.S. Chief Financial Officers Council, which includes the Financial Management Line of Business. FSIO develops core financial system requirements; tests and certifies core financial management software; works on priority projects for the Federal financial community; and performs outreach activities.

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Conference Program

Keynote Speakers

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Plenary Session Speakers

Judith R. Tillman, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury

Daniel I. Werfel, Acting Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget

Concurrent Sessions

A Proactive Approach to Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Federal agency managers face continual pressure to strengthen internal controls to mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse. Learn from leading experts about problems identified at federal agencies and how you can avoid similar problems at your agency.

- **Gregory Kutz**, Managing Director, Government Accountability Office
- **Kimberly Brandt**, Director, Program Integrity Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services

Shared Services - Progress through Partnerships

Today the knowledge exists for public sector agencies to plan and implement shared services. The evidence of potential cost savings and improved service is compelling. Key decision makers world-wide are encouraged to use shared services, recognizing both the risks and the substantial benefits. This panel will share their "best practices."

- **Anton Porter**, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- **Jonathan Breul**, Executive Director, IBM Center for the Business of Government
- **Larry Neff**, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation

Improving the Intragovernmental Process

Federal agencies struggle with reconciling transaction balances when dealing with each other in the sale of goods and the providing of services. Come hear what is being done, both short- and long-term, to reduce these balances. Solutions will improve internal controls, business processes and ultimately, remove intragovernmental differences as a material weakness for the consolidated federal financial statements.

- **John Cox**, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Carrie Hug**, Chief, Financial Standards and Grants, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget
- **D. James Sturgill**, Assistant Commissioner, Governmentwide Accounting, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury

Human Capital Solutions for the Financial Community

This panel will share news about what agencies are doing to improve recruitment, retention and professional development of the federal financial workforce. Find out about the latest activities of a CFO Council task force on human capital issues. Learn about successful “best practices” that can be adapted to attract, hire, retain and develop a top-notch financial workforce at your organization.

- **Steve Isakowitz**, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy
- **Lisa Casias**, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce
- **Sallyanne Harper**, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, Government Accountability Office
- **Zack Gaddy**, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Building a Foundation with Standardization

The path to improved federal financial management is through standardization of core financial business processes and data. This session will highlight the progress of financial management standardization, and will provide an agency perspective on how standards will be implemented.

- **William McCabe**, Chief Financial Officer, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- **Dianne Copeland**, Director, Financial Systems Integration Office, General Services Administration
- **Adam Goldberg**, Chief, Financial Integrity and Analysis Branch, Office of Management and Budget
- **David Norquist**, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security

Improving Single Audits to Protect Taxpayers

In June 2007, the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) reported that Single Audits—a key mechanism for monitoring over \$400 billion in grants—has significant quality issues. This session will examine the actions underway to address the PCIE's findings and the roles of federal agencies, regulatory, and oversight organizations in remediating significant single audit deficiencies.

- **Jeanette Franzel**, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office
- **Gilbert Tran**, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget



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Hotel

The Renaissance Washington DC Hotel is located at 999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, DC. The closest Metro stops are Gallery Place (Red, Green lines) or Metro Center (Blue, Orange Lines). A small block of rooms is available at the government rate. Please call the hotel reservation desk at (202) 898-9000 by February 12 and indicate that you are with the Federal FM Conference.

Registration Information

The registration fee is \$150. Attendance at this conference can be approved under the Government Employees' Training Act. Registration and payment should be submitted no later than March 4, 2008. Early submissions are recommended. Submissions made after March 4 will be accepted only if space is available, and late participants may have to register at the walk-in registration desk at the conference site. On-site registration starts at 7:00 am and the program begins at 8:00 am.

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